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20518/51 (S-8500)

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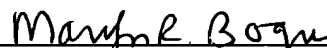
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